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SUBJ: PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF CHINA DESIRES INCREASED CONTACTS WITH
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1. JUNE 21 EL MERCURIO REPORTED ON MEETING PREVIOUS DAY BETWEEN PEDRO DAZA, DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF CHILEAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND CHANG-PEI YANG, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR OF PRC EMBASSY IN WHICH LATTER REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN INCREASING ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. DAZA REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS ONE OF SERIES WHICH WILL DEVELOP WAYS TO INCREASE TRADE BETWEEN CHINA AND CHILE.

2. COMMENT: CHILEAN EXPORTS TO CHINA (COPPER, NITRATES, SOLID PARAFFIN, AND OTHER MINERAL PRODUCTS) ROSE FROM INSIGNIFICANT LEVEL PRIOR TO ALLENDE ADMINISTRATION TO OVER \$23 MILLION IN 1972. IN 1973 CHILEAN EXPORTS TO PRC PROBABLY AMOUNTED TO APPROXIMATELY \$95 MILLION (REFTEL), ALTHOUGH CHILEAN CUSTOMS DATA SHOW
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ONLY \$463 THOUSAND. CHILEAN IMPORTS FROM CHINA (SOYA,

VARIOUS FOOD PROUDCTS, AND SMALL AMOUNT OF CAPITAL GOODS)
WERE VALUED AT \$1.5 MILLION IN 1971, \$3.2 MILLION IN 1972, AND
\$16.3 MILLION (IMPORT REGISTRATIONS) IN 1973.
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